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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Toshinao ARAI et al.

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Examiner S. Lechert, Jr.

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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September 14, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2005,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

application. As such, there exists no reason to require separate patents including the respective claims to be commonly owned and to have a common expiration date.

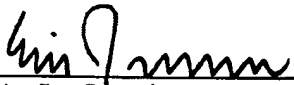
The Official Action includes no other rejections or objections on the merits. Therefore, in light of the amendments made above and the analysis provided, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or requires further clarification of any of the above points, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney so that this application may continue to be expeditiously advanced.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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